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JC17 Rec'd PCT/PTO 01 JUN 2005AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A method for producing a granulated flavor, comprising:  
~~compacting with rollers~~ a powdered flavor prepared from raw materials containing a flavor and a carrier ~~with rollers~~ to obtain a partially melted plated matter;  
cooling the plated matter; and  
grinding and granulating the cooled plated matter.

Claim 2 (currently amended): A method for producing a granulated flavor, comprising:  
~~freeing providing~~ a powdered flavor prepared from raw materials containing a flavor and a carrier to free-fall;  
conveying the powdered flavor with a horizontal screw to obtain a pressed powdered flavor;  
compacting the pressed powdered flavor with rollers to obtain a partially melted plated matter;  
cooling the plated matter; and  
grinding and granulating the cooled plated matter.

Claim 3 (currently amended): A granulated flavor for use in foods and beverages, ~~which contains~~ containing:

a carrier selected from a group consisting of hydrophilic proteins, maltodextrin, starches, modified starches, hydrophilic polysaccharides, partially hydrolyzed proteins, partially decomposed starches and saccharides,

wherein the granulated flavor has a moisture content of 10% or less by weight and a hardness of 1 N/mm<sup>2</sup>-50 N/mm<sup>2</sup>.

Claim 4 (original): A granulated flavor for use in foods and beverages according to claim 3 containing particles having a particle size of 105 µm-2 mm, wherein the proportion of the particles having that particle size is 85% or more by weight.

Claim 5 (currently amended): A food or beverage comprising the granulated flavor for use in foods and beverages of ~~claims 3 or 4~~claim 3.